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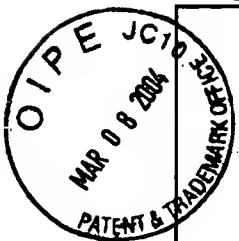


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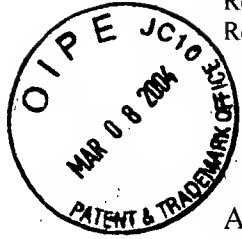
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is submitted in response to the Office action mailed February 17, 2004, requiring restriction of certain claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a pan for baking, and Group II, claim 18, drawn to a method of baking a batter or dough.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 17, drawn to a pan for baking. Applicant reserves the right to later file continuations or divisionals directed to the non-elected invention.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 07-0900 and notify us of the same.



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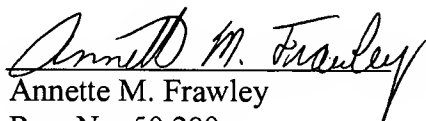
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant (763) 764-4158 if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

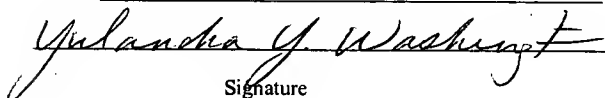
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